REMARKS

In the Communication, objection was made to Claim 1 on the basis that it was not properly amended in compliance with the current rules. It was noted that there were no double brackets used around the ", "on line 2 of Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended herein to use double brackets around the ", to indicate that the ", should be deleted from the claim. Otherwise, it is understood that all of the other claims are in compliance with the rules.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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